(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Indian Airlines are taking to make these flights regular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) (a) and (b) During June and July, 1988 out of a total of 17904 take offs by Indian Airlines from Delhi and other airports in the country, 8265 were delayed/cancelled which is about 46 per cent.

(e) From Delhi, out of a total of 1859 take offs, 814 were delayed/cancelled, constituting about 43.79%.

(d) Out of a total of 1859 take-offs ex-Delhi during June-July 1988, only 102 delays/cancellations (which is 5.5% of the total take-offs) were due to reasons like commercial, operation, engineering. which were within the control of Indian Airlines, The remaining delays/cancellations were due to reasons like weather, security, consequential reasons which were beyond the control of Indian Airlines.

(e) In order to improve flight scheduling and restricting consequential delays, Indian Airlines has already placed order for 19 A-320 aircraft to augment its fleet and is also taking on lease aircrafts, to tide over the capacity constraint. This is expected to improve Indian Airlines' on time performance, considerably. Besides, Indian Airlines is regularly monitoring delays with a view to cutting on repetitive snags.

I.T.D.C. projects developed during the Seventh Five Year Plan

*288. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of I.T.D.C. projects originally envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the number of projects completed;

(b) what is the number of projects behind schedule, by when these are likely to be completed and what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) what is the percentage of cost escalation over and above the original cost estimates?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The original approved Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) of ITDC envisaged completion of the following hotel projects being on going schemes as spill over of the Sixth Plan:—

1. Hotel Agra Ashok
2. Hotel at Gulmarg
3. Expansion of Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneshwar
4. Expansion and conversion of Travellers Lodge at Bodhgaya into a hotel
5. Expansion of Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel Udaipur.

Out of the above, the following projects have been completed:-

1. Hotel Agra Ashok
2. Expansion of Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubaneshwar.

The remaining three projects are presently behind schedule. The likely date of their completion the reasons for delay and the increase in cost over and above the original cost estimates are given in the attached Statement. (See Appendix. CXLVII, Annexure No. 109).

Improving the condition of Kanchenjunga and Gour Express

*289. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal